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In 1994, a group of students at the University of Michigan Law School founded the *Michigan Telecommunications and Technology Law Review* (*MTTLR*). *MTTLR* was one of the first exclusively online law journals to use interactive media to promote informed discourse about the inter-related legal, social, business, and public policy issues raised by developing and emerging technologies. For five years, *MTTLR* relished their online status, with fast turn-around times, low cost, and a print schedule limited only by an editor's ability to upload the HTML files.

Then, on the eve of a new millennium, *MTTLR* did something which, on its face, seems both contrary to our high-technology focus and an odd way to celebrate the 21st Century: we went to press. You hold in your hands the printed version of *MTTLR*'s first four volumes, which have already been published on our website, <<http://www.mttl.org>>. The simple reason for our digression (or regression) into the world of print was that authors requested it. Sensitive to those requests, the Volume 5 staff prepared Volumes 1 to 4 for print publication, while simultaneously publishing Volume 5 online as usual and preparing that volume for print under separate cover. In a sense, we published five volumes this year. We also redesigned our website interface, authored a permanent status report for the Law School, and presented a national conference entitled "Challenging Traditional Legal Paradigms: Is Technology Outpacing the Law?" Some of us even found time to go to class.

However long this whole printed volume fad lasts, *MTTLR* will always remain primarily an online journal. Our articles will always be published on the Internet first, with the online version being our primary focus. We remain convinced that we are *way* ahead of everyone else in offering more content online than in print, and hope that everyone else will catch up with us soon. In the meantime, there is something romantic about holding a bound, printed volume in your hands; quaint and soon to be out-dated, but romantic nonetheless.

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